

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9-13 and 15, 18, 21-30 and new claims 31-33 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments, cancellations, and additions to the claims are consistent with the previous remarks and arguments presented in the Response to Final Office Action filed October 1, 2007. In particular, claims 4-5 and 16-17 have been canceled in light of the previous amendments made to claims 1 and 13. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the invention. Finally, claims 31-33 have been added to recite additional embodiments of the invention that are fully supported by the Written Description. *See, e.g.*, Page 6, lines 25-29 and Page 11, lines 21-27.

In light of the outstanding Final Office Action, Applicants believe these additional amendments serve a useful clarification purpose, and are desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Bingham McCutchen LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4047, Order No. 19378.0089.

Respectfully submitted,
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